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1. CATEGORIES 343 AND 344 WERE PROPOSED FOR INCLUSION IN CORRELATION AND IN TEXTILE CATEGORY SYSTEM EARLY IN 1977. AFTER FIRST ROUNDS OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH SEVERAL EXPORTING COUNTRIES, IT WAS DECIDED NOT TO IMPLEMENT THESE CATEGORIES DURING 1978 BUT TO WAIT UNTIL TRADE DATA WERE AVAILABLE FOR A PORTION OF 1978 TO DETERMINE IF SUCH CATEGORIES WERE NEEDED FOR 1979. THEREFORE, IMPORTS OF COTTON SUITS FOR MEN AND BOYS, AND WOMEN, GIRLS AND INFANTS WILL CONTINUE, FOR 1978, TO BE SEPARATED INTO COMPONENT PARTS FOR CLASSIFICATION PURPOSES AS IN UNCLASSIFIED

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PREVIOUS YEARS. ACCORDINGLY, THE COMPONENT PARTS OF MEN'S AND BOYS' COTTON SUITS ARE CLASSIFIED AS FOLLOWS: COATSIN CATEGORY 333, TROUSERS IN CATEGORY 347 AND VESTS, IF ANY, IN CATEGORY 359. VARIOUS PARTS OF WOMEN'S, GIRLS' AND INFANTS' SUITS ARE SIMILARLY CLASSIFIED AS FOLLOWS: COATS IN CATEGORY 335, TROUSERS IN CATEGORY 348, SKIRTS IN CATEGORY 342 AND VESTS IN CATEGORY 359. REFTEL IN-

DICATES CATEGORY 359, OTHER APPAREL, AS CLASSIFICATION FOR COTTON SUITS, THIS IS IN ERROR.

2. PLEASE ASSURE GOP THAT WE WILL DISCUSS THROUGHLY DURING MAY NEGOTIATIONS POSSIBLE CREATION OF CATEGORIES 343 AND 344. MEANWHILE YOU MAY POINT OUT TO THEM THAT SEVERAL OF OUR PRESENT AGREEMENTS INCLUDING THOSE WITH HONG KONG AND KOREA INCLUDE A PARAGRAPH REGARDING THIS MATTER. THE KOREAN AGREEMENT PARAGRAPH, WHICH IS TYPICAL. READS AS FOLLOWS: "DURING THE FIRST AGREEMENT YEAR, EACH GOVERNMENT SHALL MAINTAIN RECORDS ON IMPORTS OR EXPORTS, AS APPROPRIATE, OF COTTON SUITS, THE COMPONENT PARTS OF WHICH WERE CHARGED TO TWO OR MORE OF CATEGORIES 333, 334, 335, 342, 347, AND 348. IF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA REQUESTS CONSULTATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA PRIOR TO THE END OF THE FIRST AGREEMENT YEAR WITH A VIEW TO CREATING A SEPARATE SPECIFIC LIMIT FOR COTTON SUITS, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AGREES TO CONSULT PROMPTLY WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA." VANCE

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